



Senator Lincoln's "Arkansas Plan"

Tax Fairness for Working Families and Small Businesses

Throughout my career in the United States Senate, I have made Arkansas's working families and small businesses my top priorities. With our current economic crisis, it is more important than ever to give working families and businesses the tools they need to succeed. That's why I've put together an "Arkansas Plan" of tax cuts that will help move our state forward. Over the next three weeks, I will introduce measures that will:

- ✓ **Allow working families and small businesses to get ahead and emerge from the economic crisis stronger and more competitive;**
- ✓ **Encourage innovation and entrepreneurship to lessen our dependence on foreign oil; and**
- ✓ **Reduce the burden on working families and small businesses by simplifying the tax code.**

Today, I will once again introduce the **Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP)**, which would make health insurance more affordable, predictable, and accessible for small businesses and the self-employed. The majority of uninsured Americans are self-employed individuals and employees of small businesses. Small businesses are the number one source for jobs in Arkansas, yet only 29 percent of businesses with fewer than 50 employees offer health insurance coverage because it is simply too expensive.

Also today, I will introduce legislation that would **help Arkansas taxpayers who have seen their investments disappear alongside deteriorating economic conditions**. Many Arkansas families have seen the value of their investments plummet during the current economic crisis. The resulting losses from the dramatic downturn in the market have been felt by all investors, but probably the hardest by those taxpayers at or near retirement age, who are counting on such funds for their retirement security.

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Over the next three weeks, I will unveil the remaining pieces of my “Arkansas Plan” that will help lessen our nation’s dependence on foreign oil, create new jobs, and reduce the burden on families and businesses by simplifying the tax code. To learn more about my “Arkansas Plan,” I encourage you to [visit my website](#).

With Arkansas Pride,

Blanche L. Lincoln



Senator Lincoln meets with members of the Arkansas Susan G. Komen Advocacy Alliance.



Senator Lincoln meets with Ray Montgomery, president of the White County Medical Center in Searcy.

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